

There's nothing like a good metal band to get your juices going especially in the middle of a Sunday afternoon and Overkill who just released their fifth album *Horrorscope* (Atlantic/Megaforce) certainly fits the bill. Their first "Coma," starts with the delicious lyric, "Sleeping with a time bomb" while their last song "Soulitude" has the brilliant platitude "In life we talk of death." Wow! It's almost too stunning to take. Singer, Bobby "Blitz" Ellsworth can sing/scream with the best of them while the rest of their band drives their songs right through the ground, in fact all the way to hell. And hell, they'd be the first to admit it with songs like "Bare Bones" which proclaims, "I have been to hell/Now I'm here." Overkill are important artists who express the injustices, wrongs and violence of our wretched society with bloodstained lyrics and brutal guitars. You owe it to yourself to check them out.

Overkill with Bio Hazard and OMSF: Sun., Jan. 19th at 4 p.m. at the Trocadero, 1003 Arch St., \$12, 923-ROCK.

--Peter Brown